

LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A mobile device comprising:  
a handheld housing that is taller than it is wide when  
the mobile device is in an upright position; and  
a plurality of device keys mounted on the housing, the  
plurality of device keys corresponding to a QWERTY keyboard of  
a personal computer having the plurality of device keys  
arranged in three rows, wherein  
each of the three rows of device keys ~~being~~ is divided  
into a leading portion and a following portion[[,]] ~~wherein~~ ;  
each of the three rows of device keys corresponds to a  
single horizontal row of keys on the QWERTY keyboard of the  
personal computer;  
the following portion of the first row is arranged below  
the leading portion of the first row and is misaligned  
therewith in a horizontal direction, so that a first key of  
the following portion is not directly below a first key of the  
leading portion of the first row[[,]] ;  
the following portion of the second row is arranged below  
the leading portion of the second row and misaligned in the  
horizontal direction, so that a first key of the following  
portion is not directly below a first key of the leading  
portion of the second row[[,]] ; and  
the following portion of the third row is arranged below  
the leading portion of the third row and is misaligned in the  
horizontal direction, so that a first key of the following

portion is not directly below a first key of the leading portion of the third row.

Claim 2 (Cancelled).

Claim 3 (Previously Presented) The mobile device according to Claim 1, wherein the device keys are colored such that a color of the leading portions of the three rows of device keys is different from a color of the following portions of the three rows of device keys.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented) The mobile device according to Claim 1, wherein the device keys are colored such that a color of the leading portion and a following portion of the first row are the same, a color of the leading portion and a following portion of the second row are the same and different from the color of the first row, and a color of the leading portion and the following portion of the third row are the same and are the same as the color of the first row.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented) The mobile device according to Claim 1, further comprising touch-sensitive liquid crystal display panel input means mounted on the housing, and

wherein the plurality of device keys on the housing are formed by the touch-sensitive liquid crystal display panel input means.

Claims 6-7 (Cancelled).

Claim 8 (Currently Amended) A key arranging method for arranging device keys on a handheld housing of a mobile device in which the handheld housing is taller than it is wide when the device is in an upright position, the device keys corresponding to three rows of keys of a QWERTY keyboard of a personal computer, the key arranging method comprising the steps of:

assigning each row of three rows of the device keys into a leading portion and a following portion, each of the three rows of device keys corresponding to a single horizontal row of keys on the QWERTY keyboard of the personal computer;

arranging the following portion of the first row below the leading portion of the first row so as to be misaligned therewith in a horizontal direction, so that a first key of the following portion is not directly below a first key of the leading portion of the first row[[,]] ;

arranging the following portion of the second row below the leading portion of the second row so as to be misaligned therewith in the horizontal direction, so that a first key of the following portion is not directly below a first key of the leading portion of the second row[[,]] ; and

arranging the following portion of the third row below the leading portion of the third row so as to be misaligned therewith in the horizontal direction, so that a first key of

the following portion is not directly below a first key of the leading portion of the third row.

Claim 9. (Cancelled).

Claim 10 (Previously Presented) The key arranging method according to Claim 8, further comprising the step of making a color of the leading portions of the three rows of device keys different from a color of the following portions of the three rows of device keys.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented) The key arranging method according to Claim 8, further comprising the step of making a color of the device keys such that a color of the leading portion and the following portion of the first row are the same, a color of the leading portion and the following portion of the second row are the same and are different from the color of the first row, and a color of the leading portion and following portion of the third row are the same and are the same as the color of the first row.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented) The key arranging method according to any one of claims 8-11, further comprising the steps of:

providing a touch-sensitive liquid crystal display panel input means on the housing;

forming device key images at predetermined positions on

the liquid crystal display panel input means; and  
associating the device key images formed at the  
predetermined positions on the liquid crystal display panel  
input means with a plurality of device keys on the housing,  
wherein the plurality of device keys on the housing are  
arranged on the liquid crystal display panel input means on  
the housing.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended) The key arranging method  
according to Claim 8, wherein ~~wherein~~ the step of arranging  
the device keys on said device further comprises:

separating adjacent ones of the device keys of the  
leading portion and following portion of the first row of  
device keys in the longitudinal direction of the housing by a  
first spacing; and

separating the first key of the leading portion from the  
first key of the following portion of the first row in them  
longitudinal direction by a second spacing different than said  
first spacing so as to enhance the misaligning.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented) The key arranging method  
according to Claim 13, wherein the second spacing is greater  
than the first spacing.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented) The mobile device  
according to claim 1, wherein  
adjacent ones of the device keys of the leading portion

and the following portion of the first row of device keys are separated in the longitudinal direction of the housing by a first spacing; and

the first key of the leading portion of the first row is separated in the longitudinal direction of the housing from the first key of the following portion by a second distance different than the first distance.